In Numbers

- **259.38 mt** of food distributed
- **US$ 157,714** cash-based transfers made
- **US$ 5.62 million** six-month (Mar - Aug 2022) net funding requirements
- **133,084 people** assisted in February 2022

**Situation Update**

- In February, as the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic decreased in Nepal, the Government relaxed many of the earlier placed restrictions. At the end of February, 60 percent of Nepal's population had been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (not including the booster).

**Operational Updates**

- After the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, schools across the country began to reopen in February. As a result, WFP resumed the provision of **onsite midday meals** of fortified rice, lentils, and oil in 2,300 schools across six food insecure districts of Nepal.

- Through the Adapting to Climate Induced Threats to Food Productions and Food Security in the Karnali (CAFS Karnali) project, WFP distributed a total of NPR 18,984,000 (US$ 157,714) to 1,362 households participating in **food assistance for assets (FFA)** activities in February. Assets constructed under the FFA schemes included solar-powered community service centres, multi-use water and irrigation systems, and nurseries.

- The Women in Value Chain project continued to enhance the capacity of rural women in three selected municipalities of Kailali by **strengthening livelihoods**. In February, 119 women farmers attended farmers' field schools with an additional 1,534 women receiving trainings in financial literacy and leadership development. Additionally, the number of women farmers with access to agricultural insurances also increased with over 515 insurance policies secured in 2022 by end February.

- WFP successfully concluded the **prevention of malnutrition** programme in the 13 selected districts in Province 1, Madhesh, Karnali and Sudurpaschim Provinces. Through this activity, WFP reached over 140,241 pregnant and lactating women and children aged 06-23 months with 3 kg (per month, for two months) of specialised nutritious food. The complementary nutrition education activity will continue until mid-March 2022.

- Together with the National Logistics Cluster, WFP dispatched a total of 76 mt of COVID-19 supplies including non-food items for the Ministry of Health and Population. At the same time, WFP continued to receive and store items for the Ministry of Home Affairs at the Kathmandu Humanitarian Staging Area.
WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan 2019-2023

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**Strategic Result 1: Access to food**

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Affected populations in Nepal have timely access to adequate food and nutrition during and in the aftermath of natural disasters and other shocks.

**Activities:**
- Provide food assistance for targeted shock-affected people, including food and cash-based transfers (CBTs) and specialized nutritious foods and related services for the treatment and prevention of malnutrition in children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women and girls.

**Strategic Result 2: End Malnutrition**

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Food-insecure people in targeted areas have improved nutrition throughout the key stages of their lives by 2025.

**Activities:**
- Support the strengthening of national nutrition-sensitive, gender-responsive social safety nets for vulnerable populations and provide specialized nutritious foods, technical assistance, logistics and social behaviour change communication for the prevention of malnutrition.
- Provide gender-transformative and nutrition-sensitive school meals and health packages in chronically food-insecure areas and strengthen the Government’s capacity to integrate the national school meals programme into the national social protection framework.
- Provide technical support to the Government for the development of a rice-fortification policy framework and supply chain system for use in social safety nets.

**Strategic Result 4: Sustainable Food Systems**

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Vulnerable communities in remote food-insecure areas have improved food security and resilience to climate and other shocks by 2030.

**Activities:**
- Develop and improve risk-resilient infrastructure and strengthen local capacity to identify climate risks and implement adaptive strategies.

**Strategic Result 5:** Nepal has Strengthened Capacity to Implement the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 4:** The Government has strengthened capabilities to provide essential food security and nutrition services and respond to crises by 2023.

**Activities:**
- Strengthen preparedness capacity, establish emergency logistics and institutional platforms, and improve access to food reserves to enable government and humanitarian partners to respond rapidly to crises.
- Provide technical assistance to enable the Government to strengthen the food security monitoring, analysis and early-warning system and align it with the federal governance system.

**Strategic Result 6:** Nepal has enhanced policy coherence on FSN

**Strategic Result 8:** Enhance Global Partnerships

**Strategic Outcome 6:** Humanitarian and development partners have access to reliable common services by the end of 2023.

**Activities:**
- Provide on-demand service provision to all stakeholders in the country to support effective humanitarian response.
- Provide on-demand cash-based transfer management support to all humanitarian and development partners to enable them to provide efficient cash transfer services to the affected population to meet their essential needs.

- **WFP resumed data collection** under the Consolidated Livelihood Exercise for Analyzing Resilience (CLEAR) exercise this month in three provinces – Gandaki, Bagmati and Province 1. Provincial consultations in all three provinces also concluded, with district and community level data collection ongoing throughout March. Data from this exercise will allow WFP and the wider humanitarian and development community to better understand how food and livelihood security is affected by climatic risks.

- In February, the Gandaki Province Council of Ministers has approved the Right to Food and Food Sovereignty Act (RtF) 2018 Procedural Guideline. WFP provided technical support in the development of this legal document which will provide the mandate to establish and operationalise the Province Food Council under the chair of the Honourable Minister looking after the agriculture portfolio. Once established, the Province Food Council will be the institutional structure under the RtF Act and will guide its implementation.

**Saving Lives, Changing Lives: Stories from the Field**

**Photo:** Female workers in WFP’s trail improvement site in Rakpa-Chumling.

Infrastructure is recognised as a key component in the global fight against hunger. WFP has been actively bridging the gap between humanitarian and development activities, providing support through anticipatory action, forecast-based financing initiatives, after the onset of a disaster and/or investing in recovery and long-term food security.

WFP has overseen the improvement of two trails in Gorkha’s remote ChumNubri, situated at an altitude of 2,000 – 2,500 meters above sea-level. This despite extremely challenging working conditions. WFP has created immediate wage employment opportunities for over 100 households from 13 neighbouring villages, including the participation of 28 women (out of 68 participants) and three people with disabilities. Once complete, the trails – totalling 8.5 km – will create better and safer access to schools, health posts/centres, markets and government offices for the benefitting communities while ensuring easier access to remote communities in case of an emergency.

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